

REMARKS

The examiner indicated that claims 4,6, 8, 13 and 18 had allowable subject matter.
Applicant has canceled claim 4, 12 and 13 and has amended claim 14 to overcome the objection.

The examiner rejected claim 1-3, 7, 9-11, 14-16 and 19 as being anticipated by Matsuura US Patent 6,094,034.

The examiner rejected claim 5, 12 and 17, as obvious over Matsuura US Patent 6,094,034 in view of King US 6,331,365.

The examiner also indicated that claims 4, 6, 8 13 and 18 contained allowable subject matter.

Applicant contends that the references cited by the examiner neither describe nor suggest the features of applicant's claims. For instance, claim 1 recites a hybrid power supply comprises a switching type DC/DC boost type converter that receives energy from a primary battery cell and is arranged to deliver the energy to a rechargeable cell, set to provide a fixed output voltage that is less than the full charge voltage of the rechargeable cell. Neither the features of the primary cell or the DC/DC boost type converter ... set to provide a fixed output voltage that is less than the full charge voltage of the rechargeable cell are shown by the references.

Nevertheless, Applicant has amended the independent claims to include the limitations of the claims that the examiner indicated as being allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 4, claim 10 has been amended to include the limitation of allowable claim 13.

Applicant has also added new claims that claim additional features of the invention.

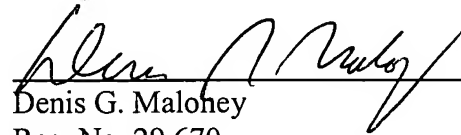
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